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Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: Public Interest Obligations of Television Broadcast Licensees, MM Docket No. 99-360
Children's Television Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters, MM Docket No. 00-167
Second Periodic Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television, MB Docket No. 03-15
Standardized and Enhanced Disclosure Requirements for Television Broadcast Licensee Public Interest Obligations, MM Docket No. 00-168**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to section 1.1206 (b)(2) of the Commission's rules, we hereby submit this notice regarding an *ex parte* meeting in the above-referenced proceedings.

On Thursday, September 2, 2004 representatives of the Public Interest, Public Airwaves Coalition met with FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps and his Senior Legal Advisor, Jordan Goldstein. Attending the meeting were Meredith McGehee, Alliance for Better Campaigns; Gloria Tristani, Office of Communication of the United Church of Christ, Inc.; Celia Wexler, Common Cause; Michael Calabrese, New America Foundation; Jeff Chester, Center for Digital Democracy; Dana Mason, U.S. PIRG; Katherine Grincewich, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; and Karen Henein and Ryan Harrington, Institute for Public Representation at Georgetown University Law Center.

The representatives discussed with the Commissioner and Mr. Goldstein the importance of implementing disclosure requirements and public interest programming guidelines for digital broadcasters including local civic and electoral programming and children's programming. The

importance of defining broadcasters' public interest obligations prior to any decision on multicasting must-carry was also discussed.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, this *ex parte* notice is being filed electronically in the above referenced dockets. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 662-9535.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Karen Henein

cc: Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Jordan Goldstein